

Claims:

Please amend the following claims:

8. (Twice Amended) A locking apparatus comprising:

a cylinder lock including a keyway, a [set of] plurality of spring-biased cylindrical pin tumblers, an elongated hollow slot radially spaced from and extending parallel to the keyway and a secondary locking bar reciprocally mounted in the slot, said locking bar presenting a protruding portion extending transversely from the longitudinal axis of said locking bar; and

a key for operating said cylinder lock, said key including a bow, and an elongated key blade, said key blade including

a proximal end attached to one end of said bow,

a distal end,

a pair of opposed edges extending between said proximal and distal ends, and

a pair of side margins interconnecting said edges,

one of said side margins including a protruding surface extending therefrom for engaging said locking bar of said cylinder lock and shifting said locking bar in said slot when said key is inserted in said keyway of said cylinder lock, said key protruding surface engaging said locking bar protruding portion when said key is inserted in said keyway of said cylinder lock.

12. (Amended) A locking apparatus comprising:

a cylinder lock including a keyway, a set of tumblers, an elongated hollow slot radially spaced from and extending parallel to the keyway, a secondary locking bar reciprocally mounted in the slot, and a spring for biasing said locking bar in the slot, said locking bar presenting a protruding portion extending transversely from the longitudinal axis of said locking bar and including a hollow chamber formed therein, said spring being at least partially received in said chamber; and

a key for operating said cylinder lock, said key including a bow, and an elongated key blade, said bow presenting a pair of outer side margins, said key blade not extending beyond said bow outer side margins,

said key blade including

a proximal end attached to one end of said bow,

a distal end,

a pair of opposed edges extending between said proximal and said distal ends, and

a pair of side margins interconnecting said edges,

one of said side margins including a protruding surface extending therefrom for engaging said locking bar protruding portion of said cylinder lock and shifting said locking bar in said slot when said key is inserted in said keyway of said cylinder lock,

said protruding surface not extending beyond said bow outer side margins.

14. (Amended) A locking apparatus comprising:
a cylinder lock including a keyway, a plurality of spring-biased cylindrical pin tumblers, an
elongated hollow slot radially spaced from and extending parallel to the keyway and
a secondary locking bar reciprocally mounted in the slot,
said secondary locking bar presenting a pair of sidewall sections substantially parallel to the
longitudinal axis of said locking bar; and
a key for operating said cylinder lock, said key including a bow, and an elongated key blade,
said key blade including
a proximal end attached to one end of said bow,
a distal end,
a pair of opposed edges extending between said proximal and distal ends, and
a pair of side margins interconnecting said edges,
one of said side margins including a protruding surface extending therefrom for
engaging said locking bar of said cylinder lock and shifting said locking bar
in said slot when said key is inserted in said keyway of said cylinder lock.

17. (Amended) A locking apparatus comprising:
a cylinder lock including a keyway, a plurality of spring-biased cylindrical pin tumblers, an
elongated hollow slot radially spaced from and extending parallel to the keyway and
a secondary locking bar reciprocally mounted in the slot; and

a key for operating said cylinder lock, said key including a bow, and an elongated key blade,
said key blade including
a proximal end attached to one end of said bow,
a distal end,
a pair of opposed edges extending between said proximal and distal ends, and
a pair of side margins interconnecting said edges,
one of said side margins including a protruding surface extending therefrom for
engaging said locking bar of said cylinder lock and shifting said locking bar
in said slot when said key is inserted in said keyway of said cylinder lock,
said bow presenting a pair of outer side margins,
said protruding surface not extending beyond said bow outer side margins.